

HEART MATTERS

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Libraries of Hope Newsletter

“NOT TO KNOW IS BAD,
NOT TO WISH TO KNOW
IS WORSE.”

--AFRICAN PROVERB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--**Just like that**—we are **winding** up another school year through the rotation. We now turn our attention to the Civil War. Our connection to Latin America is that the opposing generals, Lee and Grant, actually fought together in our war with Mexico. Unfortunately, I don't have as many resources to share with you in the public domain about our neighbors down south as some of the other countries. So you may decide to cut the Month 9 study short and spend time introducing Month 10 topics of 20th Century America, Germany and Russia, especially if you take a complete break in the summer months.

I haven't listed it as a Nature topic because there weren't resources in the public domain to share, but you may want to spend time in Month 9 studying the human body.

--**We are super excited** to announce several new classes in our Well-Educated Heart Academy. Pre-registration is going on now at wehacademy.org and formal registration will open in June. When you go to that site, you will be asked to join that particular Mighty Networks community if you haven't already. It's easy and free to join that one. You will only pay when you register for the classes. Then you will be able to see all the details of each class and meet the teachers.

Here is the listing of what is currently being offered:

- Algebra I
- Geometry - using Euclid's text
- Physics
- Biology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Innovations
- Entrepreneurship
- English - composition/basics
- Leadership Skills
- The Story of Liberty
- The 5000 Year Leap
- Spanish I
- Discovering True Identity Through Literature

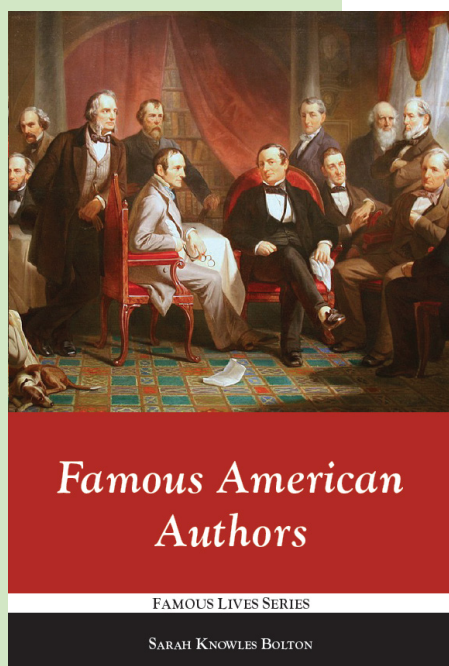
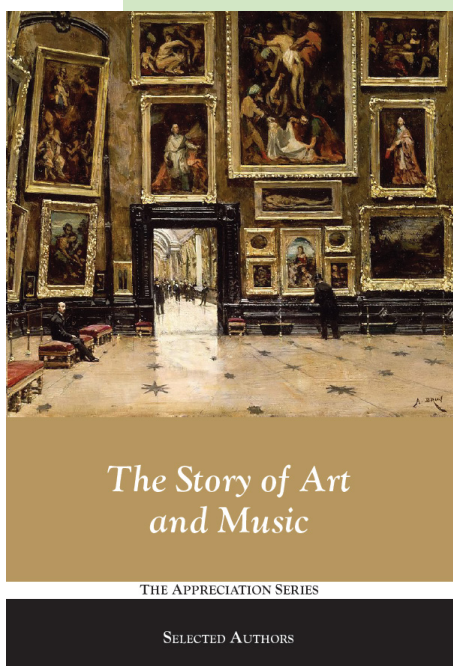
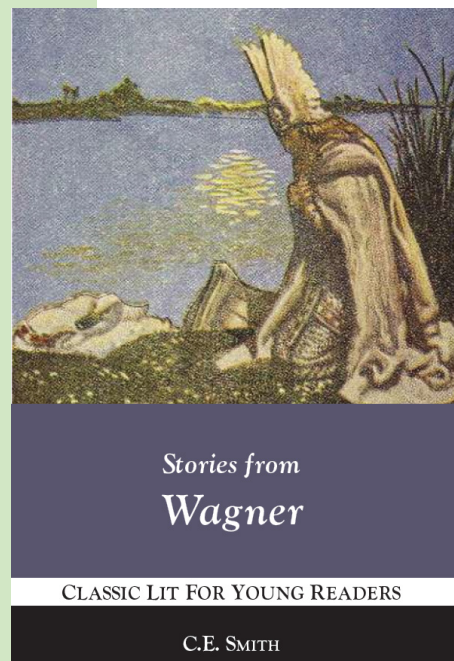
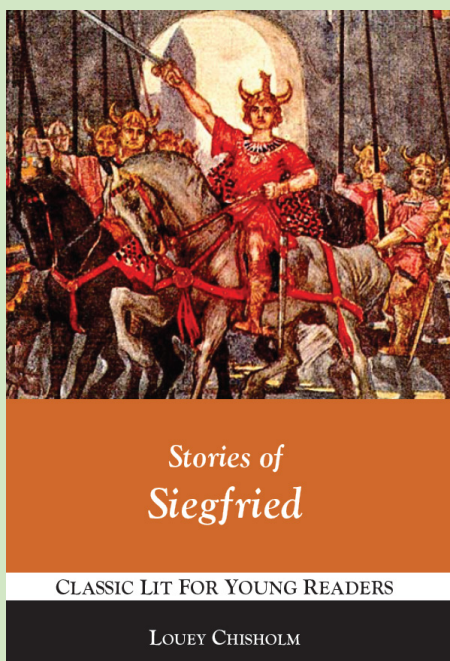
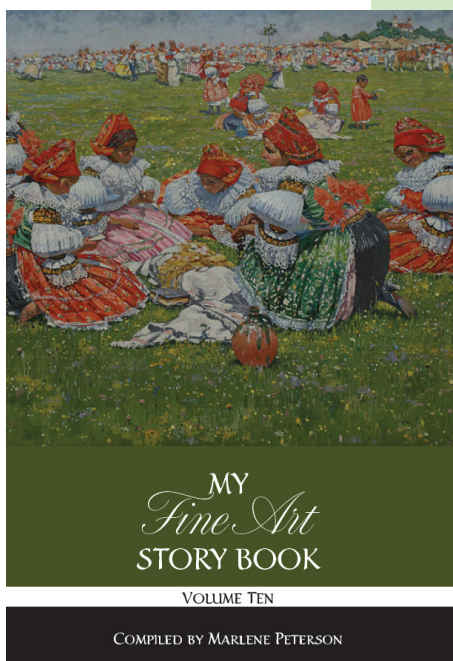
(Announcements cont.) --NEW MONTH 9 BOOKS:

Classic Lit for Young Readers: Stories from Wagner, including Lohengrin, Mastersingers of Nuremberg, and the Flying Dutchman by C.E. Smith; Stories of Siegfried by Louey Chisholm.

My Fine Art Story Book takes a look at great artists from Germany, Russia and Eastern Europe.

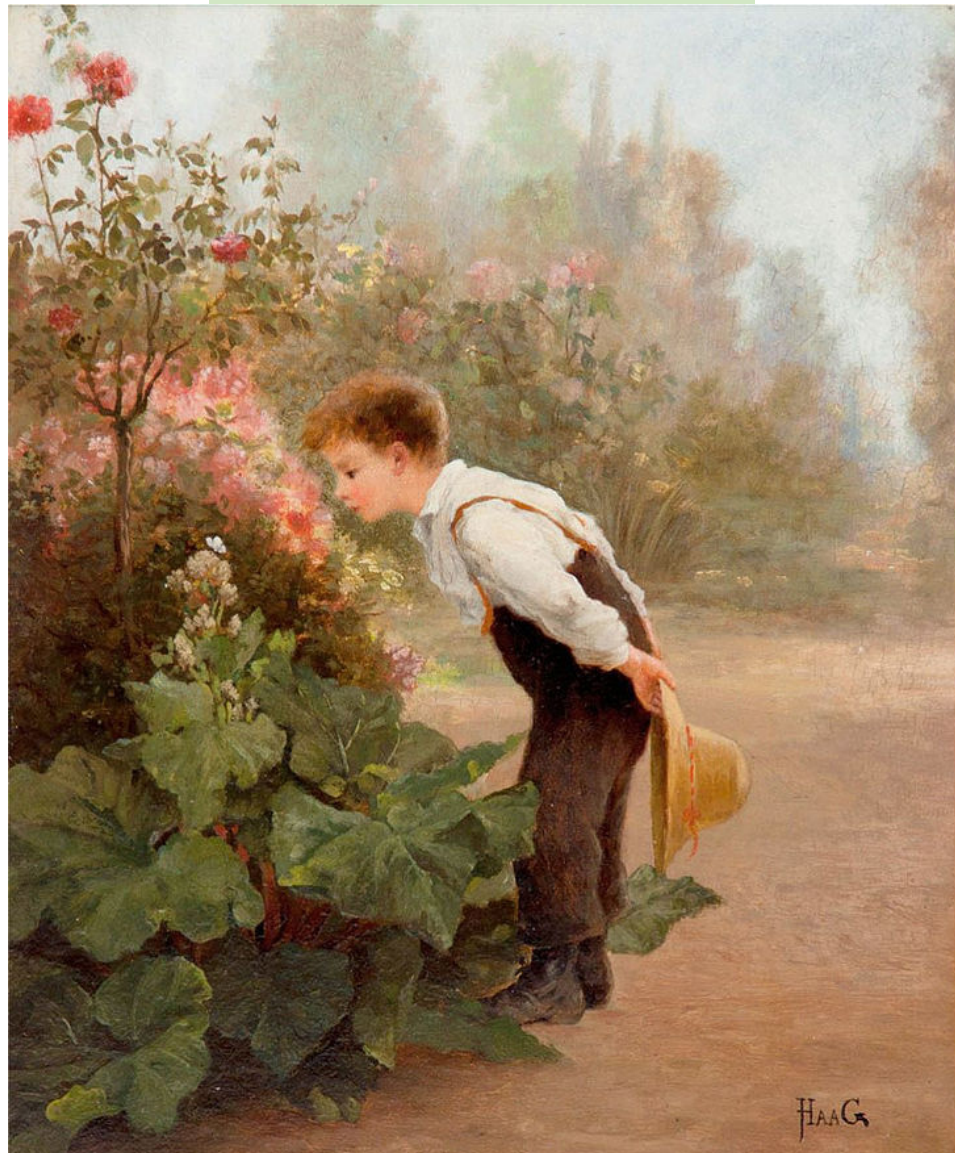
Appreciation Series: In the original Nature Art and Music series, which is now just the Nature Series, we had two books on The Story of Music and The Story of Art by Ida Whitcomb Prentice that were sorted by rotation. In this new book, we are combining both books in one volume, but printing them exactly as they were first written, laying out the history in chronological order. If you have the old books, you will already have all the stories. They will just be arranged differently.

Famous Lives by Sarah Bolton brings you stories of American authors, including names you will recognize like Washington Irving, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Longfellow and many names that have become less familiar with the passage of time. But no matter—these stories of lives never fail to inspire me.



**“THE WORLD YOU SEE IS
CREATED BY WHAT YOU
FOCUS ON.”**

Art credit: Little Gardener Sniffs Flowers
by Jean-Paul Haag



(Announcements cont.) --**In case you aren't aware, we** have a community in Mighty Networks. There are over 1000 moms who have already joined us. The prerequisite is to complete the free Catch the Vision intro course.

Some of you question the need for community. A member of the group posted this quote last night she had read in a book about trees that sums it up nicely:

“A tree is not a forest. On its own, a tree cannot establish a consistent local climate. It is at the mercy of wind and weather. But together, many trees create an ecosystem that moderates extremes of heat and cold, stores a great deal of water, and generates a great deal of humidity. And in this protected environment, trees can live to be very old.

“To get to this point, the community must remain intact no matter what. If every tree were looking out only for itself, then quite a few of them would never reach old age. Regular fatalities would result in many large gaps in the tree canopy, which would make it easier for storms to get inside the forest and uproot more trees. The heat of summer would reach the forest floor and dry it out. Every tree would suffer.

“Every tree, therefore, is valuable to the community and worth keeping around for as long as possible. And that is why even sick individuals are supported and nourished until they recover. Next time, perhaps it will be the other way around, and that supporting tree might be the one in need of assistance.”

--The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

We need each other in this crazy world of ours! We would love to have you join us.

(Announcements cont.) --I know all the different terms used here can be confusing. So here's a refresher:

Libraries of Hope (LOH) is all the resources, books and learning tools. Biblioguides is the name of the searchable database of books into which we merged our original library. BelMonde is the term we attached to all the audios of books I am recording.

Well-Educated Heart (WEH) is this philosophy of learning.

Mothers of Influence (MOI) identifies the women who are following this philosophy in their lives and are using these resources. You do not have to be a mother to be a MOI.

Belle Ame means Beautiful Soul--everything that ennobles and uplifts. We are growing Belle Ame centers for artful living where we can build community and apply what we are learning.

Here is our elevator speech when you are trying to explain what this is. It takes 12 seconds and consists of 2 sentences. It's on the home page of our primary website which is librariesofhope.com:

We are dedicated to building a community of families who are learning to restore the lost art of educating hearts through the Arts. We seek to preserve a culture of faith, freedom and family and a love of the good, the true and the beautiful.

It would be great if you memorized it for your use!

Then send them to librariesofhope.com, invite them to watch the orientation videos on the main page and if they like what they see, start making their way through the free [Catch the Vision](#) intro course. Show them the pdf of the checklist on the main page with the letter so they can keep track of their progress.

I hope that helps! And sorry but not sorry to tell you something exciting is in the works.... So stay tuned. :)

Art credit: Poem of the Soul - On the Mountain by Louis Janmot

